



## It was smooth sailing on Himno y Bandera Day!

During Aruba's special celebration on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, there were motorcycle and car rallies, parties and games galore, but one of the oldest traditions is the competitions conducted by the Aruba Mini Sailboat Foundation. Contenders traveled from Curacao and Bonaire with their model boats to spend the day around the beach adjacent to the Wilhelmina Park in Oranjestad, and a number went home with trophies, including Tino Thielman of Bonaire, who took prizes in both the smallest and largest of boat categories. The three categories of competition are thirty inch, thirty-six inch and forty inch lengths of sailboat, and a full day of races produced a mix of winners from Aruba and Bonaire. Representatives of those sponsoring the event were on hand to present the awards, including Robert Mons of the RBTT Bank. Other sponsors included Balashi Beer and the Black Hog Saloon.

Saturday's winners in the thirty-inch category were:

- First Place: Genaro Anthony, from Bonaire with his boat name Memo.
- Second Place: Tino Thielman, from Bonaire; boat, Matador.
- Third Place: Everaldo Dirks, from Aruba; boat, Lastra, mi ta Lastra

Trophies for the thirty-six inch length boats went to:

- First Place: Genaro Anthony, from Bonaire; boat, Big Twin
- Second Place: Patrick Domacasse from Aruba; boat, Linda
- Third Place: Patrick Domacase again, boat, Chispa

In the largest category, forty inches, trophies were awarded to:

- First Place: Tino Thielman from Bonaire; boat, Bobbeljans
- Second Place: Rudolf St. Jago (mini boat foundation president) boat, Black Hog
- Third Place: Jacintho Martis from Aruba, boat, Balashi